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HOMICIDE BY IMPLICATION.

Editor Virginia Law Register :

There is under the Mohammedan law a crime called homicide by implication, somewhat curious in some of its applications. The following instance, recorded by a judge of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, as occurring early in the century at one of the Greek islands then under Turkish rule, may be of interest to your readers :

"A young man, desperately in love with a girl of Stanchio, eagerly sought to marry her ; but his proposals were rejected. In consequence of his disappointment he bought some poison and destroyed himself. The Turkish police instantly arrested the father of the young woman as the cause by implication of the young man's death. Under the fifth species of homicide he became, therefore, amenable for this act of suicide. When the cause came before the magistrate, it was urged literally by the accusers that, 'if he, the accused, had not had a daughter, the deceased would not have fallen in love; consequently he would not have been disappointed; consequently he would not have swallowed poison; consequently he would not have died. But he, the accused, had a daughter; and the deceased had fallen in love; and had been disappointed; and had swallowed poison; and had died.' Upon all these accounts he was called upon to pay the price of the young man's life; and this being fixed at the sum of eighty piastres, was accordingly exacted."

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